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ADDITIONAL DATES SET IN AQUILA, INC. REQUEST

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has set **March 28-29, 2005**, for oral argument and hearings, if necessary, in a case filed by Aquila, Inc. seeking Commission authority to construct a new power plant in Cass County.

Oral argument and hearings, if necessary, are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If a person needs additional accommodations to participate, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before March 28, 2005.

The Commission will hold a local public hearing in this case on March 15, 2005, in Harrisonville to receive customer comment on the Aquila request. The local public hearing will be held at the Cass County Justice Center, 2501 W. Wall Street. The PSC Staff will hold an informal question and answer session from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The local public hearing is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner.

On January 28, 2005, Aquila, Inc. filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide electric service. Aquila seeks a certificate so that it can build its South Harper Facility and Peculiar Substation in Cass County near Peculiar, Missouri (a peaking power production facility comprising of three natural gas-fired combustion turbines and associated electric transmission substations).

Aquila, Inc. serves approximately 222,000 electric customers in the former Missouri Public Service service territory and approximately 64,000 electric customers in the former St. Joseph Light & Power service area.